

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed August 4, 2006. Claims 1-29 have been canceled, and new claims 30 – 51 have been added. Reconsideration of the case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,853,843 to Ecklund (hereinafter “Ecklund”). Claims 1-29 have been canceled without prejudice as to the subject matter recited therein, thus rendering these rejections moot. New claims 30-51 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that Ecklund does not teach the subject matter of claims 30-51.

For example, with respect to claim 30, Ecklund does not disclose or suggest the limitations of “creating a second file representing the second version of the data object” and “creating a third file representing the third version of the data object” in combination with the remaining features of the claim. Applicant thus submits that claim 30, and the claims dependent thereon, are patentably distinct over Ecklund for at least this reason. Inasmuch as independent claims 38, 43, and 48 recite similar limitations, these claims and their respective dependent claims are also patentably distinct over Ecklund.

Applicant also respectfully submits that numerous ones of the dependent claims recite further distinctions over Ecklund. For example, with respect to claim 31, Ecklund does not teach creating the second file and the third file in a common directory.

As another example, with respect to claim 32, Ecklund does not teach creating the second file and the third file in a common directory with the first file.

As another example, with respect to claim 33, Ecklund does not teach the limitations of:

- wherein the first file has a first name;
- wherein creating the second file comprises creating the second file with a second name based on the first name; and
- wherein creating the third file comprises creating the third file with a third name based on the first name.

In accordance with the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that added claims 30-51 patentably distinguishes over Ecklund.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5760-18700/BNK.

Respectfully submitted,



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